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### **Breezewood Lane interchange in Neenah closing to traffic March 28**

*Second phase of \$56 million highway expansion project about to start*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is announcing the Breezewood Lane bridge carrying traffic over US 41 in Neenah will close at 5 a.m. on Monday, March 28 to all traffic through October. Ramps carrying traffic to and from US 41 at the interchange will also close, as the second phase of the US 41 mainline expansion project between US 45 and Breezewood Lane in Winnebago County gets underway. The overpass is scheduled for demolition beginning at 7 p.m. on March 28. The work requires full-freeway closures during nighttime hours and motorists are encouraged to start planning other routes.

The project involves replacing the 34-year-old bridge over US 41 and constructing multi-lane roundabouts at the ramp terminals and intersections of Breezewood Lane and Bergstrom/Gillingham roads, as well as Bell Street/Harrison Street. Overpass demolition details include:

- Close Breezewood Lane at 5 a.m. on March 28 to all traffic between Bergstrom/Gillingham roads and Harrison Street
- Remove the Breezewood Lane bridge over a period of four nights starting March 28 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Full-lane closures on US 41 northbound and southbound while the overpass is dismantled. During demolition US 41 northbound and southbound traffic will be detoured up the off-ramps of the Breezewood Lane interchange and directed back to the freeway using the US 41 on-ramps
- The interchange will reopen to traffic in October 2011

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During construction, the intersection of Breezewood Lane and Bergstrom/Gillingham roads will remain open to north/south traffic. Harrison Street will be closed at Bell Street.

The work also includes the widening of US 41 to three traffic lanes in each direction between US 45 and Breezewood Lane. In mid-April, all US 41 traffic on this eight mile section of highway, will be shifted to newly widened northbound lanes, as the southbound lanes are reconstructed. Dual lanes of northbound and southbound traffic will be maintained on US 41 during the project, but the width of the lanes will be 11 feet and speed limits reduced to 55 mph. In 2012, all northbound lanes between US 45 and Breezewood Lane will be reconstructed, with traffic shifted to the newly constructed southbound lanes.

**Please note: All scheduled closures are weather dependent and subject to change.**

Breezewood Lane interchange construction continues through October 2011. During the project, motorists are encouraged to use WIS 114 or WIS 76 interchanges to access US 41.

### **ABOUT THE US 41 PROJECT**

WisDOT is initiating expansion and improvement of 31 miles of US 41 in Brown and Winnebago Counties. The project will include road expansion to accommodate increased traffic volume, up to 44 roundabouts, improved interchanges and expansion of the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway. Current construction information and details about the project can be found at [www.www.US41wisconsin.gov](http://www.US41wisconsin.gov) or by calling the project hotline: (920) 492-4120.

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